**The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills**

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, May 4, 2020**

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills Council met for the Regular Council Meeting electronically with Reeve, Ken Noland and Councillors, Martin Ainslie, Penny Palonen, Arthur F. Hayden and Wayne L. Bailey in attendance. Lynn Jackes, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, Shane Chatwell, Road Superintendent and Tom Sasvari were also in attendance. Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer recorded the minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Noland at 7:35 p.m.

A Conflict of Interest was declared by Arthur F. Hayden regarding Agenda Item #11, Minutes of Settlement.

**MOTION: 2020-67**

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: Martin Ainslie

THAT Council approve the agenda for the May 4th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting……………carried KN.

**MOTION: 2020-68**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

THAT Council approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2020 as circulated……………………..carried KN.

**MOTION: 2020-69**

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded By: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2020 as circulated………………..carried KN.

Shane Chatwell, Road Superintendent, reported that he had contacted Emcon regarding sweeping and they advised they are not interested. Robert Cranston has a sweeper. Shane will contact him for a price.

Art Hayden, advised he saw a tow behind sweeper that did a good job. The cost on that type of sweeper is approximately $12,000. Wayne Bailey asked if the sand being swept could be reused. Would it save any money? Shane advised that only about 5 yards was coming back in and it has lost its salt content.

The hard surface prices are up approximately $1,500.00 per km. Approximately a 10% increase.

Shane is working on costing for paving the Municipal Complex parking lot.

Shane will be setting up a meeting with the Transfer Station personnel. Training will be discussed and be brought up to date as soon as possible.

A price is being requested for a new flag pole. The pole broke in half over the winter months.

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Undercoating of the trucks and equipment has been completed. The fire trucks have be done at the same time. The Roads equipment cost was approximately $2500 while the firetrucks came in at a cost of $700.

The Roads Committee, Art Hayden and Ken Noland and the Road Superintendent, Shane Chatwell will set up a road tour over the next couple of weeks. This will be done in conjunction with COVID 19 guidelines.

The hardtop on Union Road has been looked at by MSO but McAshphalt needs to look at it as well before a solution is found.

The Roads department is working on patching and civic addressing as well.

**MOTION: 2020-70**

Moved by: Penny Palonen

Seconded by: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT the Road Voucher in the amount of $9,252.04 be approved for payment…………….carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2020-71**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

THAT the General Voucher in the amount of $60,800.13 be approved for payment………………carried KN.

**MOTION: 2020-72**

Moved By: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

THAT the Fire Department Voucher be approved for payment in the amount of $882.77…………….carried KN.

Arthur F. Hayden declared a conflict of interest to Agenda Item #11 – Minutes of Settlement and excused himself from the meeting.

**MOTION: 2020-73**

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

WHEREAS Minutes of Settlement have been received for Concession 8, Pt. Lot 22 Plan 31R-2254 Part 5 Burpee; Council has no objection to these Minutes of Settlement………………..carried KN.

Arthur F. Hayden returned to the meeting.

**MOTION: 2020-74**

Moved By: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Wayne Alton be hired as the Transfer Station Attendant effective May 2, 2020……….carried KN.

Patsy Gilchrist brought forward the request for a cheque deposit machine to improve the efficiency in the office. The cost will be minimal while decreasing the number of trips for banking purposes.

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**MOTION: 2020-75**

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

WHEREAS Council approves the signing of the BMO agreement for a cheque deposit machine for the Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills……………..carried KN.

Wayne L. Bailey and Penny Palonen have been asked to review the Building Permit Fee structure in comparison to other municipalities. Their recommendations will come forward to the next meeting of Council.

A discussion was held regarding the declaration of a State of Emergeny. Reeve Noland explained at this point in time there is no legitimate reason to declare a state of emergency.

Reeve Ken Noland has reviewed the correspondence to Chief Linda Debassige and Council wherein the Municipalities of Central Manitoulin, Billings, Gore Bay, Gordon Barrie Island, Burpee Mills, and the Townships of Robinson and Dawson have suggested a compromise and revision to the non-essential travel ban in M’Chigeeng. The UCCM wishes to set up a COVID Committee to determine the next steps.

**MOTION: 2020-76**

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

WHEREAS a letter of support has been requested through the Manitoulin Family Health Team for a Research Project to document and translate work to prepare for and manage the Pandemic Emergency Response. The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills supports this Research Project……………………….carried KN.

Provincial Emergency Operations Centre COVID-19 Q & A information has been presented to Council as well as correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the Operation of Seasonal Trailer Parks and Recreational Campgrounds for information purposes.

A Mutual Assistance Agreement drafted under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, RSO 1990, has been presented to Council for their review. This draft agreement would allow the interchange of staff, equipment, assistance, etc. between the municipalities of Billings, Burpee Mills, Gore Bay and Gordon Barrie Island.

Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer, believes we should be good neighbours, but has reservations with the inter-changing of staff due to a limited number of employees in Burpee and Mills. Reeve Noland voiced his concern with needing a contract to be good neighbours. Council has been asked to review for the next meeting of Council.

**MOTION: 2020-77**

Moved By: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

THAT Council approve the appointment of Lynn Jackes as the Alternate Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator for the Township of Burpee and Mills………………carried KN.

Wayne L. Bailey advised that Rob Colwell has invited the Snowbirds Flying Team to fly over Manitoulin.

Reeve Noland updated Council with information from the Manitoulin Municipal Association. Two meetings had been held, the first resulting in an advertisement in the local papers regarding COVID 19 and the cancellation of smelt fishing in certain areas of

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Manitoulin Island. The second meeting provided traffic counts through Chief Linda Debassige.

The Manitoulin Planning Board has provided the 2020 Budget for approval. There is a slight increase to the municipalities this year.

**MOTION: 2020-78**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT Council approve the Manitoulin Planning Board Budget for 2020…………….carried KN.

Wayne L. Bailey had attended a CPAC Zoom Meeting. The property count for Burpee and Mills is as follows: Households – 352

Commerial/Industrial – 8

Total Property Count – 360

These numbers have been provided through the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

Reeve Noland advised that he has contacted the OPP to ask if any costs for fires through the Provincial Fire Ban are billable expenses for the municipality. They have not responded to date.

Martin Ainslie stated that a lot of patrons are being assisted through the Gore Bay Library with the provision of ebooks.

Fred Arniel has retired from the Transfer Station effective April 30, 2020.

Penny Palonen provided information from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture for a Pilot Project for the disposal of Agricultural Plastics. This may be something the municipality or a farmer could purchase. Ken advises that we would need to be certain there is a place for these plastics to go. Art suggested this is conceptual at this point but may be a project where the Province could take the lead. Wayne advised of concerns with staff time. Reeve Noland will contact the Ontario Federation of Agriculture for clarification on this project.

Penny discussed the Gore Bay Landfill information. Peter Richards is to contact the Ministry of Environment to request less monitoring requirements of the wells. The monitoring results show no health risk. This is the only dump in Ontario that is located on private property. Gore Bay does not own or control the attenuation zone. An RFP was to be sent out for engineering services but this process will be held off at this point in time. John Turner and Kevin Woestenenk were to inspect the well cap for damage this week.

**MOTION: 2020-79**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board has requested a resolution of support for the following:

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education provides funding for Consolidated Municipal Service Managers an District Social Services Administration Boards CMSMs/DSSABs) that is founded on a proportionate allocation of specific types of funding based on identified data elements; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education is currently undertaking a full review of the formula and funding model for the Child Care programs under the Service Management of the forty-seven(47) CMSMs/DSSABs; and

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WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB and the Municipalities that are part of the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB recognize the importance of quality and affordable child care programs and the positive impacts that such programs have on community well-being and creating inclusive communities; and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB vast geographic land area makes up approximately 45,000 square kilometers and encompasses some eleven (11) First Nation communities, eighteen (18) municipalities and unincorporated territories; and

WHEREAS the Manitouiln-Sudbury DSB Program Planning Committee reviewed the Child Care Funding Formula – Issue Report and is recommending approval to the Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accepts the Program Planning Committees recommendations and approves the Child Care Funding Formula – Issue Report and directs staff to action the recommendations contained within the report; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB and member Municipalities demand that the Minister of Education address the funding inequities that have been created by the current funding model for Northern Ontario; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Education adopt the use of the Low-Income Measure After Tax (LIJM-AT) instead of the current Low Income Cut-Off Tax (LICO-AT) in order to better and more accurately reflect level of poverty faced by families in Northern Ontario; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to all 18 member municipalities and that they are asked to pass similar resolutions supporting this resolution which would be shared with the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be shared with FONOM, NOMA, AMO and OMSSA.

The Township of Burpee and Mills supports this resolution………………..carried KN.

**MOTION: 2020-80**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board is requesting a resolution of support for the following:

WHEREAS Greater Sudbury was selected by the Ministry of Health as a pilot municipality for assumption of operational control of the Central Ambulance Communications Centre as one of three pilot sites following the 2001 download of Land Ambulance Services; and

WHEREAS in 2014 a feasibility study was completed by the City of Greater Sudbury, and concluded that a fully integrated Emergency Communications Services system that include EMS Communications, the existing 9-1-1 system, and both Police and Fire communications centre for Greater Sudbury was desirable; and

WHEREAS Greater Sudbury City Council endorsed the proposed solution; and

WHEREAS such a model could benefit Land Ambulance Services beyond the City of Greater Sudbury through seamless dispatching of emergency services, including Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Paramedic Services; and

WHEREAS during the Provincial 2019-2020 budget, the Province indicated they would be modernizing the Provincial Land Ambulance Dispatch System; and

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WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Paramedic Services are currently dispatched by three (3) separate Ambulance Communication Centres located in Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins and Sudbury, and

WHEREAS the Program Planning Committee has reviewed the proposed consolidation of Land Ambulance dispatch with the City’s dispatch for 911, Police and Fire and recommends endorsement from the Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB accept the Program Planning recommendation and endorses the proposed consolidation of Land Ambulance dispatch with the City’s dispatch for 9-1-1, Police and Fire to achieve a fully integrated Emergency Communications Services system; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff engage the Ontario Ministry of Health in discussions to transfer operational governance for Paramedic dispatch to Greater Sudbury (contingent on 100% provincial funding); and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Health consolidate the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Paramedic Services dispatch from the current three (3) Ambulance Communications Centres to (1) one Ambulance Communication Centre; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board write to the Honourable Christine Elliot, Deputy Premier and the Minister of Health, indicating that Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB is supportive of an Integrated Emergency Dispatch Service model; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of the letter be sent to Alison Blair, Assistant Deputy Minister, Emergency Health Services Division, Jim Pine, Advisor to the Minister of Health, to all 18 member municipalities, to the Northern Ontario Service Delivery Agencies (NOSDA) and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and to the MPPs for the ridings of Sudbury, Nickel Belt, Timiskaming-Cochrane and Algoma Manitoulin.

The Township of Burpee and Mills supports this resolution………………..carried KN.

Arthur F. Hayden advises the Manitoulin Centennial Manor is in lockdown No new admissions are being accepted from the hospitals at the present time but new residents are being received. Staff screening takes place two times per day. The cleaning of the Manor has been enhanced. An industrial washer has been purchased for approximately $17,000. This is a replacement unit. The audit has been prepared.

**MOTION: 2020-81**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

THAT council supports the Ontario NDP in their request for Rent Relief for anyone who has lost income due to COVID 19. This request includes direct support to cover 80% of renter’s household monthly rent, up to $2,500 per home, per month, for up to four months…………carried KN.

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**MOTION: 2020-82**

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT we adjourn to meet at our next regular council meeting on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 7:30 p.m……………………carried KN.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Ken Noland, Reeve

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Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer